

DEBORAH OLIVER

SELECT BOARD



Hello Durham neighbors! My name is Deborah Oliver, and I am running for the open seat on our 2024 Select Board. I grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Maine in 1989 for a position at Bath Iron Works. My husband Chris and our three children moved to Durham in March of 2002 – to a new housing development off the Shiloh Road. Our kids attended Durham Elementary and then Brunswick High School. Katie and Maggie are both mothers and business owners (Gloss Hair Parlor in Saco and Eastcraft, formally in Lisbon falls- now an on-line boutique.) Losing our son Dylan in 2014 – my greatest challenge is being a grieving mother while still living a life of joy and making a positive contribution to the lives of those around me.

I have never served in local government, but I have had past positions that would make me a strong candidate to be a contributing member of the Select Board. Retirement for me is near term and it would be a great time to apply my Project Management skills, Process Compliance talent, and life experiences to public service.

I was a community participant on the hiring committee for our current Town Manager. I served on the Maine Maritime Museum Board of Trustees as the Bath Iron Works representative. I am a member of Shiloh Chapel and currently serve on the Missions Committee and as Chair of the Finance Committee. My family hosted four foreign exchange students, I have been a Girl Scout Leader and a volunteer for the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Program.

What is important to me for representing the community?

1. Ensuring we are listening and responding to the residents who take the time to voice ideas and concerns to the board.
2. Having the best interests of the taxpayer in mind in all discussions and decision making.
3. Act on creative solutions to contribute to the tax base to help supplement the property tax burden.
4. Fill or clarify policy gaps that cause unrest within the community.
5. Contribute to maintaining the rural character of our town, with a balance- knowing Durham is a growing community where people want to live, and businesses may want to explore.
6. Maintain a positive outlook and remember that we all want what is best for our families and our neighbors – work to turn critics into contributors.

I am asking for your vote- I feel it is a privilege to be on the ballot and I assure you I will give my best effort to represent you and your family well.

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